

of children from all areas of the world. Professor Small was born in Colon, Panama. She attended Elementary School at Escuela Republica del Paraguay and continued her education at Abel Bravo High School. Professor Small initiated studies for a Spanish professorship at Panama University in 1955 and graduated in 1960. She continued Graduate Studies at Panama University and obtained a Ucentiate in Philosophy and Letters with Specialization in Spanish in 1962. In 1963 she attended the Interamerican University of Coahuila, Mexico and obtained a Masters Degree in Spanish Grammar and Literature.

Ms. Small migrated to the United States in 1966 and attended Columbia University pursuing studies toward school administration. She graduated in 1969 and obtained a Professional Diploma. Upon graduating from Columbia University she worked for Cornell University as a bilingual research associate. Her duties were to instruct low-income homemakers in home management and consumer education. From 1974 to 1977 she served as a director of education in the South Bronx for drug addicts and alcoholics. Her mission was to place them in schools and jobs after rehabilitation. Ms. Small joined the Board of Education in 1977 as a bilingual teacher. In 1979 she transferred to bilingual special education in order to guide and assist Hispanic students who were wrongfully placed. With the assistance of the Board of Education, she continued her studies in special education at Brooklyn College.

In 1982, she obtained a Master of Science Degree in Education with Specialization in Children with Special Needs. Professor Small served in the evenings as an adjunct professor of Spanish at Bronx Community College and at City College for 10 years. Professor Small is an assiduous community worker. She is a member of the Canarsie Community Council, the Vice President of the Women's Caucus for Congressman Edolphus Towns, the Trustee for the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York. She is also a soloist of the choir of St. Martin Roman Catholic Church and a member of the choir of the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. She is also a member of many other organizations. Currently Professor Small is a retired assistant principal and her life goal and aspirations are to produce successful students and citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Ms. Dorothy Small.

#### HONORING THE GRADUATES OF THE ROOFER'S LOCAL UNION 26

##### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity and respect that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Saturday, December 1, 2012, the Roofers Local Union 26 will honor the graduating class of 2012 at the Annual Apprentice Graduation Banquet, which will be held at the Patio Restaurant in Merrillville, Indiana.

At this year's banquet, the Roofers Local Union 26 will recognize and honor the following individuals who have completed their apprentice training in 2012: Jeremy Villarruel, Curtis Mueller, Jason Gutierrez, Jeremy Marsh, Mike Sallee, Fausto Jimenez Jr., Kevin Cooper, Travis Nuss, Chris Kittle, Tommy Haynes, and David Garcia.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and tireless dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking individuals. Along with the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF AUDREY NEAL

##### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Ms. Audrey Neal. After four decades of faithfully serving the Wilson community, Audrey Neal will retire next month. Ms. Neal began working at the Wilson County Register of Deeds in 1972 as a Deputy Register of Deeds. In her position she helped to oversee Wilson County's real property and vital records.

In 2002, Ms. Neal was appointed to complete the unexpired term of then-Register of Deeds, Ms. Celia Brinson. Due to Audrey's leadership and experience, she was elected in 2004 to serve a full term as Register of Deeds, and has been reelected since.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Neal is retiring from Wilson County Register Deeds after a remarkable 40 years of service on December 3.

As she enters this new chapter in her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in showing gratitude for Audrey's service, and in congratulating her on retiring. Congratulations Audrey, well done.

#### PRISCILLA BOHL

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Priscilla Bohl for her outstanding service to our community.

Priscilla's passion for business and economic development is exemplified through her efforts with the Jefferson County Career Center and collaborating with local businesses to match the unemployed with jobs.

Priscilla was instrumental in the development and implementation of the successful AddONE campaign, an initiative to generate

local jobs. She worked tirelessly to bring together elected officials, local businesses, and economic development professionals to bolster AddONE's efficacy.

Priscilla serves on the Advisory Council of the Jefferson County Business Resource Center and the Jefferson County Advanced Manufacturing Council. Priscilla also works with various tactical teams related to the Governor's Blueprint for targeted industries in the State of Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Priscilla Bohl for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County and thank her for her commitment to the community. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### TRIBUTE TO BEATRICE GONZALEZ

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Beatrice Gonzalez. She inherited her love for serving people and her community from her father Mr. Salvador and mother Pilar Gonzalez, who were part of the founding members of the Puerto Rican Merchants Association in the 1950's in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Ms. Gonzalez is a devoted single mother to her son Julian Michael Perez who has become a well renowned musician.

Ms. Gonzalez has acted as a community leader and advocate for the intellectual disabilities as the Director of Human Resources and Special Assistant to the President/CEO of the Federation of Multicultural Programs, Inc. For the past 28 year She has initiated several programs that have enhanced the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities throughout city.

Ms. Gonzales has been active in programs that address violence within youth populations working with community leaders, State Legislators and clergy. Ms. Gonzalez is well known for her tenacity, hard work and generosity towards those who are less fortunate in our society. Mr. Speaker, Beatrice Gonzalez is truly one of the New York City's unsung heroes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Beatrice Gonzalez.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND JIMMY PYLES

##### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Jimmie Pyles of Quitman, La. Reverend Pyles was a beacon of light to countless souls during his 60 years of Methodist ministry, and he will be sorely missed.

Born on May 20, 1935, Reverend Pyles grew up in Jonesboro, La. He received his degree in theological studies from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and married Dessie Hinton Pyles of Quitman. Their union produced Andy Pyles, who is now the